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HOUSE MEMORIAL 2

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CORE FUNCTIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, New Mexico faces a severe revenue shortfall for
the current and future fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the legislature must establish budget priorities
and core functions of state government to better prepare future
budgets; and

WHEREAS, determining core functions of government is a
positive step toward more accountability in state government
and the budgeting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
finance committee be requested to study and make
recommendations to the legislature on the core functions of

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1 government so that the legislature may make budget decisions on
2 the basis of agreed-upon priorities; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be requested to
4 determine which functions of state government are required by
5 the constitution of New Mexico and the United States
6 constitution and which services are essential to the residents
7 of New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
9 committee, in making its recommendations, be requested to
10 consider the goals of protecting people and communities through
11 law enforcement, judicial and corrections programs; providing
12 for an educated citizenry by ensuring that all children receive
13 an equal opportunity to achieve academic success; encouraging
14 job creation and entrepreneurship by removing regulatory
15 barriers to job production; providing a safety net of social
16 services; building and maintaining the infrastructure to
17 accommodate transportation and utilities; requiring state
18 agencies to conduct business in an efficient, transparent and
19 accountable manner; and managing public property and natural
20 resources while protecting the property rights of private
21 property owners; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
23 committee make its recommendations to the first session of the
24 fiftieth legislature regarding development of measurable
25 outcomes for each of the recommended core functions of

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1 government; methods for setting priorities among state agency
2 programs, based on how effectively and efficiently each program
3 will address core functions of government; and development by
4 each state agency of a mission statement, a description of the
5 actions and priorities necessary to accomplish the agency's
6 mission and a process for submitting budget requests that
7 reflect the mission and priorities; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the director of the legislative finance
10 committee.

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